



Community Safety Partnership Report

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Community Safety

Community Safety is about protecting people's rights to live in confidence without fear for their own or other people's safety ensuring that people are safe from crime, disorder and danger, and free from injury and harm and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient and able to support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing

The Community Safety Partnership aims to improve community safety across Moray by identifying and addressing immediate concerns in order to protect the most vulnerable and at risk and be proactive to ensure that communities feel safe.

The CSP comprises of various Moray Council services, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Grampian, tsiMORAY and Registered Social Landlords

Moray Local Command Area - Community Policing Inspectors

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Should you have any queries as to which CPT you live within more detailed information can be found under the Police Scotland Web site www.scotland.police.uk

Advice from Crime Prevention Officer PC George Ogg

SHED AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SECURITY

With summer approaching, this is a good time to consider shed security. Sheds often contain valuable items and following the advice below will help to keep them secure.

- Driveway alarms can be purchased from as little as £12 and can alert homeowners to any persons entering their property. They are easy to install and can be installed in other areas rather than just at driveways.
- Personal attack alarms (about £4) can be utilised as a cost effective but VERY efficient way of alarming a shed, garage or outbuilding.
- Purpose built shed/garage alarms can be bought and installed from as little as £6.
- If alarms are used associated signage should be displayed in a prominent position.
- Installing a PIR (movement detection) light with built in camera offers low cost CCTV and effective lighting. The unit has built in recording equipment so all you need is one unit (no need to purchase a DVD recorder etc.) and it retails at under £80.
- There are also a number of padlock alarms on the market. These offer audible protection. If they are cut the circuit is broken and the alarm sounds. Some also sound if they are tampered with. These retail from about £8.
- Use close shackle padlocks so there is very little for the culprits to cut and the haps should be backed onto a metal interior backing plate.
- As previously mentioned re the padlock, metal backing plate's use can be extended and could be installed on the rear of the door and wall of the shed where the fixings are secured through the wood to provide a higher level of substance to the fabric of the building and so better security.
- Every outside door should have three points of locking (top, middle and bottom) with all fixtures and fittings (including hasps and hinges) secured with flat headed bolts security screws or with screws whose heads have been filled in (e.g. with super glue) or "rounded" so they cannot be removed.
- Any windows in the shed should be covered by a blind or a curtain and if light is not a major necessity they should be boarded up.
- **Commercial vehicles** often carry tools and other items that are valuable and attractive to criminals.
- Always secure your vehicle regardless of how long you intend to be away from it. Ensure that your vehicle alarm is fully functional.
- Remove all tools and valuables when leaving the vehicle unattended overnight or for protracted periods of time.
- Never leave the keys in the ignition when away from the vehicle.
- Consider fitting stand - alone alarms to vehicle doors to supplement the vehicle alarm.
- Vibration activated window alarms can be fitted to glass panels.

If you require any further advice or assistance please contact: PC George Ogg, Crime Reduction Officer, Inverurie Police Office, Blackhall Road,

Inverurie, or telephone 101 or via email george.ogg@scotland.pnn.police.uk

ASB Community Safety Report

	Abandoned Vehicles	Dog Fouling	Fly Tipping / Litter / Graffiti	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Total
Elgin	6	3	1	7	15	3	2	37
	16.2%	8.1%	2.7%	18.9%	40.5%	8.1%	5.4%	100.0%
Buckie to Cullen, Portgordon	1	1	2	4	3	6	2	19
	5.3%	5.3%	10.5%	21.1%	15.8%	31.6%	10.5%	100.0%
Keith, Dufftown, Lower Speyside	1	2	4	2	4	1	1	15
	6.7%	13.3%	26.7%	13.3%	26.7%	6.7%	6.7%	100.0%
Lossiemouth to Burghead, Lhanbryde	6	4	2	2	5	3	1	23
	26.1%	17.4%	8.7%	8.7%	21.7%	13.0%	4.3%	100.0%
Forres, Alves, Upper Speyside	10	2	3	3	11	1	2	32
	31.3%	6.3%	9.4%	9.4%	34.4%	3.1%	6.3%	100.0%
Moray	24	12	12	18	38	14	8	126
	19.0%	9.5%	9.5%	14.3%	30.2%	11.1%	6.3%	100.0%

Community Safety Report Reader Survey

The feedback survey for this report has been running since mid-June and was due to close on 31 July.

The feedback we have received will inform the format of this report moving forward and further information will follow once we have studied the detail.

What can be said from an early look over the 29 responses received is that the majority of respondents are happy with aspects of the report and the information provided, but there are some improvements that can be made.

74% are Very Satisfied or Satisfied with the report with 26% less so

22 of the responses were from individuals, 3 from Community Councils and 4 from other Community Groups.

In the meantime the survey will remain open until 18 August and more information will be provided next month.

Our thanks to those who have taken the time to complete our survey.

ASB Community Safety Report

Elgin – All Wardens

Dog fouling signage in Munro Place, Elgin was installed after complaints were received from residents in that area. Another complaint was received regarding the Fairy Park area and signage was placed there too. As is often the case, somebody with a guilty conscience felt it necessary to remove it.

CW Jamieson issued a £200 fixed penalty for a fly tipping at Elgin Golf Club. This happened back in May, but investigations managed to track down the offender.

A seasonably large number of noise calls in July and one unusual neighbour complaint about a householder using a 'drone' in his backyard in Elgin. This is a very topical at the moment for a variety of reasons arising from media coverage from some of the more high profile incidents. Legislation does already exist in the form of the Air Navigation Order which many people are not aware of and broadly speaking you can't fly a model aircraft in a manner that will endanger others. Add a camera to it and you stand the chance of becoming a Peeping Tom !!

It can all get very technical, however **The Drone Code** spells out in simple terms what to do namely

Keep your model in sight at all times

Do not fly higher than 400 feet

No closer than 150 feet to people or property (not under your control)

Don't overfly built up areas and stay 500 feet away horizontally

Don't fly anywhere near an airport and that includes RAF Lossiemouth.

[Link to Drone Code](#)

[Link to CAP 659 - Model Aircraft - A Guide to Safe Flying](#)

All responsible flyers are insured through British Model Flying Association or Scottish Aero modellers Association and this costs approximately £35 per year. However this only covers damage or injury arising from recreational use in a proper environment.

Commercial flyers (anyone who does it for payment) require to be licensed by the CAA

Forres & Upper Speyside – CW Dave Haytack

There were 10 abandoned vehicles to investigate in July, 5 of them in Forres and the remainder in Rothes, Craigellachie and Aberlour. If you are unsure of how to dispose of a vehicle lawfully then get in touch with me and I will gladly give you some advice. Better that than leave it in an unwanted place to rot. If the Council arrange uplift then you, as last keeper of the vehicle, may be liable for any costs.

I dealt with a fly tipping on the outskirts of Forres, the offender for which has been identified and issued with a £200 fixed penalty notice.

It's been otherwise quiet in my area apart from the Noise calls! These have ranged from partying at unsociable hours through to general lifestyle noise. In flatted properties combinations of poor sound insulation, hard flooring (as opposed to carpets), and rambunctious young children can all contribute to some form of annoyance for a neighbour. Many of these issues can be resolved through awareness raising and discussion with each other. Partying however normally involves the Police, may result in criminal charges if warnings are not heeded and often impacts on a person's tenancy.

Two reports of dog fouling relate to Aberlour and Kinloss and signage has been deployed at the affected areas.

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Lossiemouth Area – CW Tim Betts

Seagulls, abandoned vehicles and dog fouling were of particular prominence through July.

In Burghead there have been a number of concerns raised about dog fouling in the village and I would strongly encourage people to get in touch with our team to report incidents they have witnessed or to report problem areas. After receiving a complaint from residents who witnessed a fouling incident in the village and provided statements, I was able to issue a £80 fixed penalty notice to a local dog owner. If you know anyone else who is failing to clear up after their dog please get in touch and I will happily investigate and issue further tickets if I can. I have also installed posters throughout the village and conducted regular dog fouling patrols to detect and deter fouling incidents.

I have also been conducting regular patrols of Hopeman and Lossiemouth to keep an eye out for irresponsible dog walkers.

I have had reports of youths climbing on the scaffolding around the school and the roof itself and I would ask anyone who witnesses this to report it to police via 101; not only could the school building be damaged by inappropriate use, but of more concern if anyone was to fall from the roof or scaffolding they could seriously injure themselves. I will be patrolling the school regularly as part of the wider School Watch initiative, which will see Police Scotland and my Community Warden colleagues keeping an eye on the schools in a bid to prevent vandalism over the holidays.

There have been a number of abandoned vehicles reported in the Lossiemouth area which I have been looking into. The majority of these have now either been removed by the owners or by our contractor. Any vehicles we have uplifted are immediately destroyed, so be warned.

I have received numerous enquiries about seagulls and continue to ask people not to feed them.

Buckie Area – CW Chris Haywood

The month of July has been a varied one with neighbour disputes and noise complaints being the common issues of the month and I have dealt with several across Moray.

The biggest cause of friction between neighbours seems to be noise from dogs whilst owners are away from the home. I would ask if you are away from the house for a prolonged length of time you make arrangements to ensure your dog is walked and has plenty to keep them entertained. It is also a good idea to speak to your neighbours about any issues before they get out of hand.

In Buckpool, I have been working to deal with recurring antisocial issues in the Alba Road development and have arranged a residents meeting to discuss how we can assist the community in addressing the these issues. This will be held on the Thursday 10 August 2017 at Buckpool Golf Club at 6pm.

I will be in attendance along with representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other colleagues from Moray Council.

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Keith / Fochabers Area – CW Donna Jamieson

More dog fouling complaints received this month from Keith, Fochabers and Marnoch. The main problem areas were Fife Keith where a suspected offender was educated and well as provided information regarding the Green Dog Walker Scheme.

School Lane, Drum Road and Edindiach Woods in Keith and the dog walking areas in Fochabers were also highlighted as problem areas and yet again new signage has been installed.

Two vehicles were reported as abandoned in the Garmouth area, but keepers have been traced and vehicles are due to be removed. A caravan left near the woods in Teinland was also uplifted by Council.

I have investigated three fly tipping incidents in the last month. One was in the lay by at Maggie-knockater and two were on the Spey Bay to Tynet Road the latter being only 2 miles from the landfill site!

Two of these incidents contained asbestos the offenders obviously showing a total disregard for the safety of anyone who may have stumbled upon it.

In Meggs Widds, Dufftown the party people had been out in force leaving the remains at their back-sides again. I gathered 2 bags of bottles, cans and party rubbish including paper lantern packaging. Paper lanterns are particularly dangerous at any time of the year causing distress to

animals however during the harvest season the fire threat is greatly increased. I would appreciate anyone who saw lanterns on the 6 or 7 July to get in touch as would our partners in the Fire Service.

School watch patrols to prevent and discourage vandalism are continuing with no vandalisms in my area to report to date. Perhaps the young people were too busy devising ways to get into the beer tents at Speyfest and Dufftown games!!

Forres, Speyside & Glenlivet Area Policing Team

Community Council Report

Policing of our summer events continued throughout July. During the month, officers were deployed at the Forres, Dufftown and Tomintoul Highland Games. In general, there were no policing issues of note at these events.

Levels and types of crime that we have dealt with during the month have been typical for our area.

We have continued to mount patrols aimed at improving road safety, and reducing road crime. As a result, this month we have dealt with people for a variety of crimes including driving without a licence, driving with no insurance (for which the driver's car was seized), driving whilst disqualified, driving without valid road tax, and drink driving. We will continue to mount small scale local roads policing operations throughout the summer under the banner Operation Cedar.

We have recorded a number of instances of vandalism during the month. There does not appear to be any pattern to these acts; they are often random and motiveless and, consequently, can be difficult to detect. In a number of cases, however, damage to property has occurred following disturbances or in circumstances where the perpetrator is known to the victim. Several cars were damaged and this typically involved paintwork being scratched, or glass being broken. Unusually, Tomintoul was the scene of a number of vandalisms to motor cars; this coincided with the highland games, there.

Retail crime is a regular feature of our work and during July we have investigated shopliftings (usually of alcohol). We have recorded 2 distraction type frauds in which the offender asks a cashier to change a large sum of money in notes of one denomination into notes of another denomination before changing his mind and asking for the original notes back. During the general back and forth of notes, the fraudster manages to pocket quite a few extra. We have also had a report of counterfeit currency being passed.

We have investigated an attempted housebreaking to a private dwelling house in Rothes

We have been using all lawful means to deter and disrupt drug use in our area. Officers have used stop and search powers when it was appropriate to do so and, as a result, we continue to catch people in possession of small amounts of drugs. Information from the community powers our activity in this area, and I would like to thank people for the information that has been provided, and encourage them to keep it coming.

We received a report, during the month, of a "skimming" device having been found on an ATM on Forres High Street. We were able to confirm that a device had, indeed been placed on the ATM, but that it had been discovered quickly. The perpetrators were apprehended by colleagues in Inverness. As is often the case in this type of crime, they were travelling criminals, who move from town to town and operate all over the country.

Elgin & Lossiemouth Area Policing Team

Community Council Report

The month of July heralds the start of a summer packed full of village fetes and galas as well as bigger events such as Speyfest at Fochabers. Our Events Planning Officer (Constable Thomson) is kept busy at this time of year liaising with the event's organisers, Moray Council and other emergency services to ensure that these events are properly planned, properly licenced and safe events for everybody to go to and enjoy.

It's been a reasonably busy month for the officers working out of Lossiemouth and Fochabers and disappointingly they have had to deal with a number of acts of mindless vandalism which continues to blight the community and can have a really negative effect of people's quality of life. A parked vehicle was deliberately scratched and damaged whilst parked on Grants Lane, Lossiemouth, a door was damaged on Mid Street, Hopeman and another car was scratched whilst parked on South Street, Fochabers.

Perhaps the most despicable crime that officers have had to deal with this month was the theft of flowers and a planter containing flowers from the cemetery at Lossiemouth. Obviously a crime of this nature causes untold upset for the complainer and we are keen to hear from anyone who might have information as to who is doing this.

Constable Cooper from the Lossiemouth Community Policing Team is currently investigating the theft of a Fender Stratta Guitar from a vehicle parked on Queens Lane, Lossiemouth overnight of 19 July 2017. This rare and expensive item is valued at £2500 and was removed alongside other musical equipment and speakers. The owner is desperate for its safe return and we are determined to find the culprit.

The month ahead sees a return to school after the long summer break for the children and teachers and with it a determination from the Community Policing Team at Lossiemouth and Fochabers to clamp down on careless and inconsiderate parking around the schools in our area. We will also be working with our partners to carry out enforcement action to target speeding and anti-social driving behaviour in our towns and villages but particularly focusing on schools and the safety of our school children as they walk to and from school.

With the long hot summer nights comes the prospect of increased drinking and associated disorderly behaviour on the streets of Elgin, particularly at the weekends. In anticipation of this Officers from the Elgin Community Policing Team assisted by their colleagues in the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit partake in the weekend policing plan devised to target known violence hotspots and make sure sufficient officers are on the ground at the right times. Despite this officers have had to deal with a number of assaults and acts of violence throughout the month. During the evening of 5 July 2017 a 35 year old male was seen acting suspiciously on the Plain Stones in Elgin. He was found in possession of drugs when searched by police however he resisted arrest and was detained in custody. He has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. During the evening of 8th July 2017 the Police were called to disturbance at the Granary Public House in Elgin whereby a doorman was being assaulted by 4 males. The males made off following the attack which was captured on CCTV. Police are following a definite line of enquiry. On 9 July 2017 an 18 year old male decided to act in a drunk and disorderly fashion, kicking bins, punching lamppost and generally annoying other members of the public. He was dealt with swiftly by nearby officers whereby he violently resisted arrest. Ultimately he spent a night in the cells before sobering up and issued with a fixed penalty.

Unfortunately it's not only the police in Lossiemouth that have had to deal with the unpleasant crime of items being stolen from graves. Their colleagues in Elgin are carrying out enquiries to into the theft of a lantern from a grave at Linkwood Cemetery. This is the 7th such theft reported to the police since 2013 from the graves at Linkwood and as such local officers are keen to hear from anyone who has information regarding these crimes.

Buckie & Keith Area Policing Team

Community Council Report

Serious and organised Crime

In Buckie, four drug search warrants were executed, resulting in the seizure of an Electronic Improvised Device (Taser), Cannabis resin, and diazepam. One male was reported for being concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and a male and a female were reported for being in possession of controlled drugs. Enquiries are still ongoing regarding two other males. In Keith a Search Warrant resulted in the seizure of an Electronic Improvised Device, (Taser), and a machete.

Following stop searches and searches of persons being arrested for other crimes in Buckie and Keith seven people have been dealt with for possession of Cannabis and one for possession of heroin.

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

With the summer upon us this brings various shows and events and an increase in alcohol consumption. The Peter Fair was well attended with one minor assault being reported. The VC Commemoration Parade in Buckie drew a large crowd to Cluny Square and the Lindsay Gordon Park with various festivities, which passed without any issues. With the local Schools being closed we have initiated patrols to prevent vandalism and deter children from hanging around the schools and causing issues.

Reducing Violence continues to be our priority with the Buckie and Keith Officers carrying out regular visits to licenced premises to reduce alcohol related violence. There have been two such incidents within premises one was a very minor assault within a bar in Buckie and the other where a male was dealt with for refusing to leave a bar and resisted arrest in Keith.

On 10 July 2017, a vandalism was reported at Cullen Golf club where flagpoles, rakes, handrails, tee markers and the 7th green were damaged. Enquiries are ongoing with a positive line of enquiry.

Acquisitive Crime

On a positive note there were no reported thefts in Keith this month. In Buckie there were reports of the theft of a mobile telephone, a car number plate, a bicycle, and clothing.

Road Safety

Five persons were reported for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol with another male reported for being drunk in charge of a vehicle.

Speeding complaints in the local area continues to be an issue, and Roads Policing and local Officers have carried out various speed checks particularly in Portgordon which has only resulted in one person being caught speeding for which they were issued a fixed penalty. A number of lorry drivers were also spoken to in Keith regarding the manner of their driving and were educated accordingly..

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

LIFE SAVING CPR SKILLS

Whole-time and Retained crews from across Moray have been involved within their local communities providing CPR Life Saving Skills.

These sessions have taken place within Work places, community groups, Flu Clinics and Local Community Fire Stations including Elgin, Forres, Lossiemouth, Cullen, Buckie and Aberlour.

The Firefighters have passed on these skills to approximately 300 people in the local area and would like to offer this opportunity to anyone interested in learning this important skill.

If you would like to book a session or require further information please contact your local *Community Fire Station* or contact the following;

n.abmpreventionandprotection@firescotland.gov.uk

Telephone 01779471645

BBQ Safety

Barbecues are a sure sign that summer has arrived – but they can get out of control quickly.

Firefighters attend incidents every year where barbecues have gotten out-of-hand and destroyed property.

And with warmer weather it is likely that there will be an increase in barbecues and potential fire risks.

One of the main causes of fire is the careless disposal of barbecues into bins - some of which already contain combustible materials.

Assistant Chief Officer David McGown is the Director of Prevention and Protection for SFRS.

He said: “We want people to enjoy the good weather and stay safe at the same time.

”Take a moment to read our safety advice to help make sure you avoid fire or injury and enjoy your summer barbecue.

”It’s important to never leave a barbecue unattended, with children and pets kept away from the cooking area.

”We would also recommend that you avoid alcohol if you are in charge of a barbecue – it can affect your co-ordination and judgement.

”When you’ve finished cooking remember not to dispose of ashes until they are cold to the touch - hot ashes can melt a plastic bin and can also cause a fire.

”Gas barbecues can also present possible hazards if not used carefully. Avoiding gas leaks and changing gas cylinders outdoors or in a well ventilated area are important considerations.”

Join Scotland's fight against fire and follow some simple advice to ensure your barbecue is a safe and enjoyable event. <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/barbecue-safety.aspx>



Camping/Caravanning Safety

A fire can take hold of a tent in less than 60 seconds.

Canvas can catch light from candles giving campers less than a minute to escape from safety

There are also on average, almost 100 caravan fires in Scotland every year.

Assistant Chief Officer David McGowan is the Director of Prevention and Protection for SFRS.

He said: "A fire in a caravan or mobile home can be devastating as it can spread much more quickly than it would in a house or flat.

"We want holidaymakers to take extra care and think about fire safety when they are away from home. We cannot stress enough the importance of working smoke alarms in a caravan.

"If fire breaks out, a smoke or heat alarm will alert you and give you time to react safely and sensibly. If you are sleeping, a working alarm could be your only chance of waking up. Heat alarms are ideal for cooking areas."

It is also important to know the risks associated with carbon monoxide (CO).

Heating and cooking appliances can cause CO poisoning if they are poorly installed, incorrectly used, inadequately ventilated or if they are not regularly or properly maintained

Consider fitting a CO detector and ensure that the caravan is well ventilated. Gas cylinders should be kept outside. Never store petrol, diesel or gas containers under your caravan.

ACO McGowan added: "Tents can be destroyed by fire in 60 seconds. There are things you can do to avoid this. Never smoke or use candles inside a tent. These can be potentially lethal. Torches are a safe alternative to candles. Make sure you pack one! Never take a portable barbeque - or lit charcoal - into an enclosed space like a tent or caravan. Never cook inside a small tent. Campfires should also be a safe distance away. If you are going camping it really is worth reading our summer safety leaflet to make sure you can enjoy a safe holiday.

Our Summer Safety leaflet is full of great tips to keep you safe whether you are camping, caravanning or enjoying the countryside. Get a copy here: http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/media/633441/sfrs_summer_safety_2014_v1.0.pdf

Join Scotland's fight against fire and stay safe this summer by following our advice on our website <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/safer-summer.aspx>

POLICE STATION PUBLIC COUNTER OPENING HOURS

Local Police Station opening hours have changed with effect from 3 March 2014.

There will no longer be staffed counter service at Fochabers. However if you wish to speak to an officer at this station, please dial 101 prior to attending to ensure that officers are available at the station.

BUCKIE	0700-1700	7 DAYS
ELGIN	0700- MIDNIGHT	7 DAYS
FORRES	0915-1715 0915-1445	MONDAY TO THURSDAY FRIDAY
KEITH	0815-1600	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
LOSSIEMOUTH	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ROTHES	0900-1700	MONDAY TO FRIDAY

NOTE – Stations may close for one hour at 12.30 daily.

You can find opening hours of all stations or contact your local community team by visiting www.scotland.police.uk/your-community and follow the links on the right of the page.

Telephone: 101 – Non Emergency
999 – Emergency

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Twitter: @policescotland

Facebook: facebook.com/police Scotland

Should you wish to remain anonymous you can always contact the registered charity Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111

USEFUL NUMBERS

MORAY COUNCIL HELP DESK: 0300 1234566

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: 0800 5877197 (or online antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk)